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CAST:

THE DOCTOR
NYSSA
TEGAN
ROBIN
MAXIL
OMEGA
CASTELLAN
THALIA
ZORAC
DAMON
HEDIN
LORD PRESIDENT
COLIN

N/S:

GUARDS
GALLIFREYANS
PEOPLE IN CAFE
PROPRIETER
ERGON

TELECINE:

Amsterdam - Schiphol Airport
Ext. Street (outside Police Station)
Ext. Old House (plus grounds)

SETS:

Gallifrey Composite:
- Corridor
- Council Chamber
- Computer Room
- Corridor (rest area)
- Security Compound
- Termination Area
- Castellan's Office
- Time Lord's Office

Tardis Composite:
- Console Room
- Corridor
- Companion's Room

Cafe
Omega's Tardis

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SUPOSE CAM Opening Titles:

REPRISE THEN:

1. INT. GALLIFREY. CORRIDOR.

MAXIL: Take them away.

(NYSSA AND THE UNCONSCIOUS DOCTOR HAULED OFF TOWARDS THE TARDIS)

2. INT. TARDIS. CONSOLE ROOM.

(THE DOORS OPEN AND NYSSA AND THE UNCONSCIOUS DOCTOR ARE BROUGHT IN BY THE GUARDS.

MAXIL ENTERS.

THE GUARDS DROP THE DOCTOR ONTO THE FLOOR)

NYSSA: He's hurt. Don't leave him there. He must have proper medical attention.

(THE GUARDS LOOK AT MAXIL)

MAXIL: He'll recover soon enough.

NYSSA: (ANGRY) Will you move him or must I?

(MAXIL HESITATES, THEN NODS.

TWO GUARDS HAUL THE DOCTOR OFF)

Thank you!

(MAXIL MOVES TO THE CONSOLE AND LIFTS A FLAP. HE ROOTS ABOUT AND TAKES OUT A SMALL UNIT, THE SPACE TIME ELEMENT.

SOON AS MAXIL DOES
ALL POWER SYSTEMS
CUT IN THE TARDIS,
ALTHOUGH THE LIGHTS
REMAIN ON.

THE TWO GUARDS RETURN)

MAXIL: The compound is guarded. If you try to leave again my men will shoot to kill. See that the Doctor knows.

(HE LEAVES FOLLOWED
BY THE GUARDS.

NYSSA GLOWERS AFTER
HIM THEN MOVES OFF
HEADING FOR HER ROOM)

2A. INT. TARDIS. COMPANION'S ROOM.

(THE DOCTOR FLAT OUT
ON TEGAN'S BED.

NYSSA ENTERS AND
SHAKES HIS SHOULDER)

NYSSA: Doctor ... Doctor!

(THE DOCTOR STIRS,
COMING TO)

3. INT. GALLIFREY. COUNCIL CHAMBER.

(CASTELLAN ENTERS, THE OTHER COUNCILLORS PRESENT, TENSE AND NERVOUS)

THALIA: Well? Where is he?

CASTELLAN: A slight delay Councillors.

ZORAC: Delay? What delay?

CASTELLAN: The Doctor tried to evade security. Some force had to be used. He'll be brought here as soon as he's recovered.

THALIA: See that he is. (SCATHING) The situation is critical Castellan.

ZORAC: Don't stand there! Tell the Lord President. He's inside waiting to hear from you.

(CASTELLAN CONTROLS HIS SUDDEN FURY AND GOES INSIDE)

4. INT. TARDIS. COMPANION'S ROOM.

(THE DOCTOR SITTING UP, SIPPING A DRINK)

THE DOCTOR: Not the most welcoming return.

NYSSA: They took the main rotar element.

THE DOCTOR: Only way to keep me and the Tardis here.

NYSSA: Could it be replaced?

THE DOCTOR: Easily, if we could get into the main stores.

NYSSA: We can't even get out of the compound. We're locked in and guarded. And this time they say they'll shoot to kill.

THE DOCTOR: It would have been useful to have spoken to Damon before I'm hauled before the Council.

NYSSA: What do we do now?

THE DOCTOR: We need a link. Something to prove a connection between this creature and Gallifrey.

NYSSA: (DESPAIRS) And how are we going to find that?

5. INT. GALLIFREY. CORRIDOR.

(THE CHAMBER DOORS OPEN AND A FURIOUS FACED CASTELLAN EMERGES.

MAXIL MOVES UP TO INTERCEPT HIM)

CASTELLAN: How did they get out?

MAXIL: The Doctor had these.

(PASSES OVER THE WALLET OF IDENT LEVERS)

CASTELLAN: He must not escape.

MAXIL: He won't. The compound is under tight security.

CASTELLAN: The High Council reconvenes in an hour. Make sure the Doctor is present. And Maxil, see that he's there ... or you answer to me.

(HE GOES OFF.

MAXIL STARING RESENTFULLY AFTER HIM)

TELECINE 1:

Ext. Amsterdam.
Schiphol Airport.
Day.

A jet descending to touch down on the runway. It lands, its engines going into reverse.

CUT

Int. Amsterdam.
Schiphol. Arrivals.
Day.

The flights arrival being announced over the P.A. system.

ON ROBIN: he hears the announcement, takes out his wallet and extracts a photograph.

On the picture, it shows Tegan.

5A. INT. GALLIFREY. COMPUTER ROOM.

(DAMON WAITING FOR A PRINTOUT TO COMPLETE ITS CYCLE.

HIS EYES KEEP GOING NERVOUSLY TO THE DOORS.

THE CYCLE COMPLETES, HE SWIFTLY TEARS OFF THE PRINTOUT, CHECKS IT THEN LAYING IT FLAT ON A SURFACE FOLDS IT INTO A TIGHTLY ROLLED BALL AND STUFFS IT INTO A POCKET.

HE SWITCHES OFF THE MACHINE AND STRIDES OUT)

TELECINE 2:

Int. Amsterdam.
Schiphol Airport.
Arrivals. Day.

PASSENGERS emerge to be greeted by FRIENDS and RELATIVES.

PICK UP TEGAN, she emerges, pauses to check the faces and moves on searching for someone.

CUT TO ROBIN, he's discreetly positioned watching TEGAN.

TEGAN stands looking around.

ROBIN moves forward and up to TEGAN.

ROBIN: Tegan Jovanka?

TEGAN: Yes?

ROBIN: Robin Stuart. I'm a friend of Colin's.

TEGAN: (SMILES) Hallo.

They shake hands.

TEGAN: Colin told me you'd been travelling around together. (LOOKS AROUND) Is he here?

ROBIN: I'm afraid not.

TEGAN picks up Robin's tone.

TEGAN: Oh ... He is all right?

ROBIN: Can we go somewhere quiet and talk?

6. INT. TARDIS. CONSOLE ROOM.

(THE DOORS CRASH OPEN, AND MAXIL'S FOUR GUARDS FAN OUT, THEIR STASARS DRAWN.

MAXIL ENTERS. A MOMENT AND THE DOCTOR AND NYSSA APPEARS FROM INSIDE)

MAXIL: You're to come with us Doctor.

(THE DOCTOR LOOKS NERVOUSLY AT THE LEVELLED WEAPONS. GOES TO MOVE TOWARDS MAXIL)

THE DOCTOR: No need for all the firepower ...

MAXIL: They have orders to kill at the slightest sign of resistance.

THE DOCTOR: (NERVOUS SMILE) Yes. Well, let's keep it peaceable. There'll be no trouble. Just have them point those things somewhere else.

(MAXIL NODS AT THE GUARDS WHO RELAX SOMEWHAT)

Thank you ... the Council chamber I suppose?

MAXIL: Yes.

THE DOCTOR: My companion is not involved in this.

MAXIL: My orders are to take you both. Now, if you please Doctor.

(THE DOCTOR SHRUGS AT NYSSA.

AND BOTH MOVE OUT ESCORTED BY THE GUARDS.

MAXIL LOOKS ABOUT, THEN LEAVES)

7. INT. GALLIFREY. CORRIDOR. REST AREA.

(A SECTION OF THE CORRIDOR NETWORK SET ASIDE FOR RELAXATION. A FEW CHAIRS AND TABLES, WITH A VIEW THROUGH A WINDOW.

A FEW GALLIFREYANS SEATED CHATTING NEARBY.

ON DAMON: ALERT AND WATCHFUL. THEN HE REACTS.

HIS POV: THE DOCTOR AND NYSSA ESCORTED BY MAXIL AND THE GUARDS MOVING UP.

DAMON MOVES DISCREETLY ASIDE TO WATCH.

OTHER GALLIFREYANS PAUSE TO ALSO WATCH.

THE GROUP MOVE PAST.

DAMON COMES OUT TO STARE AFTER THEM. THEN HE LOOKS AT THE SMALL ROLLED UP PIECE OF PRINTOUT IN HIS HAND)

8. INT. CAFE. DAY.

(TEGAN AND ROBIN ARE SEATED AT A TABLE DRINKING COFFEE)

TEGAN: When did you last see Colin?

ROBIN: Well ... it's difficult ...

TEGAN: What does that mean?

ROBIN: It's hard to explain. Look Tegan. Let's get rid of your case first. You can use Colin's room at the hostel.

TEGAN: Forget the room. I'm booked into a hotel anyway. Just tell me what's been going on.

ROBIN: (BLURTS) He's disappeared.

TEGAN: That sounds a bit melodramatic. Couldn't he have just wandered off?

ROBIN: (AWKWARDLY) There's a lot I haven't told you yet.

(ON TEGAN: LOOKS VERY HARD AT ROBIN)

9. INT. GALLIFREY. CORRIDOR.

(THE DOCTOR'S GROUP MOVE UP TO THE ENTRANCE TO THE COUNCIL CHAMBER AND PAUSE.

MAXIL GESTURES TO THE GUARDS WHO PUT THEIR WEAPONS AWAY.

MAXIL OPENS THE DOORS.

THE DOCTOR PAUSES TO GATHER HIMSELF, THEN USHERING NYSSA IN FIRST, FOLLOWS HER.

MAXIL CLOSES THE DOORS BEHIND THEM, AND REMAINS ON STATION WITH THE GUARDS)

9a. INT. GALLIFREY. COUNCIL CHAMBER.

(THE FOUR HIGH COUNCILLORS, HEDIN, THALIA, ZORAL AND THE CASTELLAN INFORMALLY GROUPED AS THE DOCTOR AND NYSSA COME IN.

FEELINGS OF TENSION BENEATH THEIR OUTWARDLY RELAXED MANNERS)

THE DOCTOR: (POLITELY) Councillors.

(ALL SMILE AND ACKNOWLEDGE HIM, A FRIENDLY, BUT AWKWARD RECOGNITION OF HIS EQUAL RANK AND STATUS.

HEDIN MOVES FORWARD BEAMING WITH PLEASURE)

HEDIN: Doctor - a pleasure to see you again.

THE DOCTOR: And you Hedin. Nyssa - my old friend Councillor Hedin.

(NYSSA SMILES)

Councillors, my companion, Nyssa of Traken.

THALIA: You are welcome to Gallifrey Nyssa.

NYSSA: Thank you.

ZORAL: Well Doctor, an unpleasant business this. I'm sure you understand why the Lord President was forced to recall you.

THE DOCTOR: I thought the law guaranteed the Time Lords freedom of movement.

CASTELLIAN: (UNEASY SMILE) A law which can be revoked in grave emergency Doctor.

THE DOCTOR: Given the chance though I would have returned willingly.

THALIA: (SMILE) We couldn't be sure Doctor. If you remember you were asked to return Romana, and you failed to do so.

THE DOCTOR: Romana chose to stay in 'E' space. Her right again, under the law.

HEDIN: It's past history now.

(THE DOCTOR RUBS WHERE THE STASARS BEAM HIT HIM)

THE DOCTOR: Yes ... well as I'm here, Thalia, have you given any thought to what's happened?

THALIA: There hasn't been much time Doctor.

THE DOCTOR: Has anyone checked to see if my bio scan was extracted from the matrix ... (NO REACTIONS) Castellan?

CASTELLAN: What are you suggesting Doctor?

THE DOCTOR: Isn't it obvious? None of this could have happened unless this creature had my bio scan.

THALIA: It's from another dimension Doctor, quite unique ...

(A NOISE OFF.

ZORAC LOOKS OFF AND REACTS)

ZORAC: Councillors ... the Lord President.

(THE LORD PRESIDENT COMES FOWARD AND UP TO THE DOCTOR)

LORD PRESIDENT: Doctor ... and Nyssa of Traken isn't it? Sorry to keep you waiting.

(MOVES TO SIT)

Please be seated Councillors. (cont ...)

(THE COUNCILLORS SIT)

LORD PRESIDENT: (cont)
(FORMALLY) This session of the High Council of Time Lords is in progress.

(NYSSA LOOKS AT THE DOCTOR APPREHENSIVELY)

10. INT. CAFE. DAY.

(TEGAN AND ROBIN ARE SEATED AS BEFORE)

TEGAN: I can't believe it. It's crazy.

ROBIN: I know what it sounds like but that's what I saw.

TEGAN: It's exactly the kind of thing the Doctor gets up to.

ROBIN: Doctor?

TEGAN: Oh, a friend of mine. Have you reported this to the Police?

ROBIN: Of course ... But do you think I could tell them the same story?

TEGAN: But Colin has disappeared.

ROBIN: He's a foreign national. A hitch-hiker. Unless there's proof of violence, they're not interested. It's the same in any country.

(TEGAN STANDS)

TEGAN: we'll see about that! Come on.

ROBIN: (AWKWARDLY) I can't.

(TEGAN LOOKS ANGRILY AT ROBIN)

What I've said is the truth ... But I've lost my passport ...

(TEGAN NOTICES THE PROPRIOTOR IS STARING AT HER.

SHE SITS DOWN)

I can't risk making a fuss.

TEGAN: Marvellous isn't it? First I lose my job. Not to worry I think. I'll see my favourite cousin and cheer myself up. Now this!

ROBIN: I'm sorry.

TEGAN: What will I say in Brisbane? Sorry, forget Colin. He walked into an old crypt and just vanished!

ROBIN: What do you want to do?

TEGAN: Tell me your story again. Every detail. Then I'll go the police. (cont ...)

(A DOUBTFUL REACTION FROM ROBIN)

TEGAN: (cont) It's all right. I'll handle it. Alone.

11. INT. GALLIFREY. COUNCIL CHAMBER.

(ON THE SCREEN.

THE THREE DIMENSIONAL WEB DISPLAY SHOWS A PULSING ELECTRONIC OCCLUSION.

NYSSA AND THE DOCTOR FACING THE TRIBUNAL OF TIME LORDS)

LORD PRESIDENT: The space time perameters of the matrix have been invaded by this creature from the anti-matter world. We know it's composition, and how unstable the magnetism is which shields it. The creature must be expelled immediately if we are to avert disaster.

THE DOCTOR: Without knowing it's purpose here?

LORD PRESIDENT: It's presence must be our first concern. Anti-matter can not co-exist, in harmony, in our Universe. But I'm sure I don't need to tell you that.

THE DOCTOR: Lord President, this creature is here now because it bonded with me. To do so it needed something very special, full and precise details of my bio scan. I didn't pass this information on, but somebody did. The question is, who?

(SILENT BEAT)

CASTELLAN: We considered this Doctor. But the implications are quite proposterous.

THE DOCTOR: Thalia, you know about these things. Can bonding occur without the full imprint of a bio scan?

THALIA: (UNEASY) Not to my knowledge. But the power of this creature is outside the limits of what we know Doctor.

THE DOCTOR: Lord President, I ask for time to have this fully investigated.

LORD PRESIDENT: I'm sorry Doctor. But we must deal with the situation as it exists now. The time factor involved leaves only one course of action open to us. Castellan ...

(CASTELLAN PRESSES
A BUTTON ON HIS
WRIST COMMUNICATOR,
THE DOORS OPEN
AND MAXIL AND HIS
GUARDS COME IN.

SILENT MOMENT.

NYSSA BECOMING
MORE APPREHENSIVE)

As you know capital punishment has long been abolished here on Gallifrey. But there is a precedent for dealing with a situation of this kind ... Have you anything further to add Doctor?

THE DOCTOR: I have a great deal to say.

(THE DOCTOR MOVES FORWARD A LITTLE TOO QUICKLY)

CASTELLAN: Hold him!

(THE GUARDS GRAB THE DOCTOR)

NYSSA: You can't do this! Why not destroy the creature waiting to bond with the Doctor.

LORD PRESIDENT: Do you not think we have considered this, child. The creature is shielded and we have no way of tracing it.

NYSSA: (HORRIFIED) So you're prepared to kill the Doctor.

LORD PRESIDENT: (FORMALLY) We have no other choice. Commander! Remove the Doctor to the security compound. As soon as the warrant is issued you will deliver him to a place of termination ... I'm sorry Doctor.

(NYSSA MOVES TO INTERVENE BUT IS PUSHED AWAY.

THE DOCTOR IS TAKEN OFF)

NYSSA: No ... you can't. Doctor!

THE DOCTOR: (STRUGGLING, SHOUTS) Executing me will not alter the fact that there is a traitor at work on Gallifrey.

(THE DOORS TO THE CHAMBER SLAM SHUT BEHIND THE DOCTOR.

C.U. CASTELLAN. HE IS NOT PLEASED)

TELECINE 3:

Ext. Amsterdam. Street. Day.

ROBIN, waiting near a police station.

A moment and TEGAN strides out to continue past him.

She is furious.

ROBIN hurries to catch up.

ROBIN: What did they say?

TEGAN: (POOR DUTCH ACCENT) Foreigners themselves get lost all the time. (NORMAL VOICE) They'll make routine enquiries. Which means, as you said, they'll do nothing.

ROBIN: Did you tell them about the crypt?

TEGAN: Only that he was last seen there.

ROBIN: So what now? We can't just abandon Colin.

She stops.

TEGAN stares hard at ROBIN.

TEGAN: You are telling me the truth?

ROBIN: Yes ... I am.

TEGAN believes ROBIN.

TEGAN: Then let's see if we can find Colin ourselves.

12. INT. GALLIFREY. COUNCIL CHAMBER.

(NYSSA TURNS BACK TO THE COUNCIL)

NYSSA: (UPSET) Time Lords. I beg of you: think what you're doing (CALMER) The creature knew the Tardis' location. Time zone co-ordinates, bio scan.

(LOOKS AT THEM IN TURN)

That information could only have come from here. From Gallifrey.

CASTELLAN: Only the High Council of Time Lords can extract such data from the matrix. You too accuse us of treason?

NYSSA: Can you deny the possibility? At least give the Doctor time.

LORD PRESIDENT: (EMOTIONAL) There is no time. Nor would proof of what you say change things. We must prevent the bonding.

NYSSA: But the Doctor is innocent!

THALIA: What would you have us do? Spare the Doctor and condemn untold billions to destruction? That is the choice we face here!

13. INT. GALLIFREY. CORRIDOR/SECURITY COMPOUND.

(DAMON WAITING TENSELY. THE SOUND OF FEET APPROACHING.

DAMON LOOKS DOWN AT HIS HAND. HE HOLDS THE ROLLED UP PIECE OF PAPER. HE CLOSES HIS FIST CONCEALING IT.

THE DOCTOR AND ESCORT APPEAR. WAITING TILL THEY ARE QUITE CLOSE DAMON SPRINGS OUT)

DAMON: Doctor!

THE DOCTOR: Damon!

(REACTS AS THE PAPER IS PUSHED INTO HIS HAND)

MAXIL: Remove him!

DAMON: I must speak to the Doctor!

(TWO GUARDS DRAG HIM OFF)

THE DOCTOR: He is a friend of mine.

MAXIL: I have my orders.

THE DOCTOR: You don't have to relish them so much.

(MAXIL MOVES TO
OPEN THE DOORS TO
THE SECURITY COMPOUND,
AND THE DOCTOR IS
BUNDLED THROUGH)

14. INT. GALLIFREY. SECURITY COMPOUND.

(THE DOCTOR IS LED
ACROSS TO THE TARDIS.
MAXIL OPENS THE DOOR,
THE DOCTOR ENTERS.

MAXIL NODS TO TWO
GUARDS WHO GOES
INSIDE AFTER THE
DOCTOR)

15. INT. TARDIS. CONSOLE ROOM.

(THE DOCTOR WATCHES THE GUARDS TAKE UP POSITION, THEN HE TURNS AND STARES DOWN AT THE PRINT-OUT GIVEN TO HIM BY DAMON.

UNABLE TO STUDY IT, BECAUSE OF THE GUARDS, HE SLIPS IT INTO HIS POCKET)

16. INT. GALLIFREY. COUNCIL CHAMBER.

(NYSSA AND THE TIME LORDS)

LORD PRESIDENT: We've listened to what you say but the decision must stand.

HEDIN: Lord President, in view of what she says, couldn't we at least delay carrying out judgment.

THALIA: We can't risk it Hedin.

ZORAC: We're sorry child, but there truly is no other choice.

NYSSA: (VERY UPSET) So much for your justice!

(SHE GOES OUT. BEAT)

CASTELLAN: Lord President, have you given any thought to how ... the judgment is to be carried out?

LORD PRESIDENT: Castellan?

CASTELLAN: To condemn a man to death is one thing. The literal execution of that order another. We have the victim, but do we have the experience and the means?

LORD PRESIDENT: What do you suggest Castellan?

CASTELLAN: The formalities of formal execution are somewhat outside my domain, but a firing squad, perhaps?

HEDIN: Barbarous notion!

LORD PRESIDENT: Agreed.

ZORAC: Medication ... a drug of some kind. Well, it would at least be humane ...

THALIA: No-one would want the Doctor to suffer.

LORD PRESIDENT: I agree. Death must be instant and painless. (THINKS) Is the disintegration chamber operative Castellan?

CASTELLAN: Operative but not active Lord President.

LORD PRESIDENT: Very well, I shall arrange for the chamber to be used.

CASTELLAN: All that remains is the warrant of termination. The precise wording should be in the matrix.

LORD PRESIDENT: You shall have it presently. (RISES) This session of the High Council is adjourned.

17. INT. GALLIFREY. CORRIDOR.

(NYSSA MOVING ALONG WHEN SHE IS INTER-CEPTED BY DAMON)

DAMON: Nyssa of Traken. I am Damon ... a friend of The Doctor's.

NYSSA: You're the one who warned him.

DAMON: We must speak. But not here.

(DAMON LEADS HER OFF)

17A. INT. GALLIFREY. CORRIDOR.

(THE TIME LORDS EMERGE FROM THE CHAMBER)

HEDIN: (TO THE CASTELLAN) I'm worried by what both The Doctor and his companion have said.

CASTELLAN: The possible connection between this creature and Gallifrey?

HEDIN: Yes. And the fact a Time Lord could be a traitor. Do you intend to pursue it?

CASTELLAN: They were both overwrought.

HEDIN: But if it were true ...

CASTELLAN: I'm sure I'd know if such a serious breach of security had occurred.

(HE SMILES AND MOVES ON, HEDIN FROWNING AFTER HIM)

18. INT. GALLIFREY. CORRIDOR. REST AREA.

(NYSSA AND DAMON SEATED. A FEW OTHER GALLIFREYANS RESTING NEARBY)

NYSSA: (HUSHED) You're sure it was the Doctor's scan?

DAMON: Yes. The Doctor knows. I managed to pass it to him on his way to the compound.

NYSSA: We must take this information to the High Council immediately.

DAMON: (GRIM) But who to trust? It's dangerous knowledge. A friend of mine has already died because of it.

NYSSA: Murdered?

DAMON: I think so. Although I can't prove it.

NYSSA: I'm sorry for your friend. But who would go to such lengths to harm The Doctor?

DAMON: I don't know. He has enemies. There are those who believe he may bid for the Presidency again.

NYSSA: We must speak to The Doctor.

DAMON: That could be difficult. He's closely confined.

NYSSA: The Doctor has enemies.

(PLACES HER HAND
ON DAMON'S ARM)

But he also has friends. (RISES) I'm sure others will help, too.

18A. INT. GALLIFREY. OFFICE.

(THE NEGATIVE IMAGE OF OMEGA - SEATED AND CONNECTED UP TO SOME KIND OF APPARATUS - RESOLVES IN THE CONE OF LIGHT.

HIS VOICE BETRAYS THE INCREDIBLE STRAIN HE'S UNDER)

OMEGA: You have news?

TIME LORD: The Doctor is to be terminated.

OMEGA: Good. You are prepared?

TIME LORD: Yes. The matrix is already programmed.

19. INT. TARDIS. CONSOLE ROOM.

(THE DOCTOR PACES UP AND DOWN WATCHED BY A GUARD.

THE SECOND EMERGES THROUGH THE DOUBLE DOORS FOLLOWED BY MAXIL)

MAXIL: You wanted to see me.

THE DOCTOR: (ANGRY) Your guards will not allow me to leave the console room.

MAXIL: They have their orders.

THE DOCTOR: I am a Time Lord. I am also a condemned man. If I am to die, I want to prepare myself mentally. For that, I need to be alone.

MAXIL: Which is the nearest room?

THE DOCTOR: My companion's ... It's already been searched.

(MAXIL TURNS TO A GUARD WHO NODS)

MAXIL: Then you may withdraw.

(THE DOCTOR TURNS)

But, be sensible, Doctor. (cont ...)

(THE DOCTOR PAUSES)

MAXIL: (cont) Should you try to loose yourself in the corridors of the Tardis ... my guards will hunt you down ... and your death will be far from dignified and painless.

20. INT. GALLIFREY. OFFICE.

(HEDIN STUDYING DOCUMENTS WHEN A KNOCK ON THE DOOR AND NYSSA ENTERS WITH DAMON)

HEDIN: Nyssa! I'm glad you've come.

NYSSA: We had to see you Councillor.

HEDIN: I'm deeply sorry the way things have turned out. In fact I'm still hoping the Lord President will agree to a delay.

NYSSA: (WARMLY) I'm sure the Doctor appreciates it. Having friends like you and Damon here means a lot to him.

HEDIN: (LOOKS AT DAMON) Damon, of course. We were all shocked to hear of the accident to Talor.

NYSSA: (URGENT) Councillor Hedin, we need your help.

HEDIN: Of course. Whatever I can do.

NYSSA: We must see the Doctor. Can you arrange it?

HEDIN: Difficult. The Castellan is very possessive about his charges.

DAMON: The Doctor isn't a criminal.

HEDIN: True. But what has happened makes him very dangerous.

NYSSA: Please try ...

DAMON: On humanitarian grounds. A parting visit is only natural under the circumstances.

HEDIN: (SMILE) I said difficult Nyssa, but not impossible. Especially with one so sensitive to public opinion as the Castellan.

(MOVES TO ACTIVATE THE SCREEN)

21. INT. TARDIS. COMPANION'S ROOM.

(THE DOCTOR SITS
ON TEGAN'S BED,
UNROLLING THE
COMPUTER READOUT
GIVEN TO HIM BY
DAMON.

HE STUDIES IT
FOR A MOMENT)

THE DOCTOR: (URGENTLY) My bio scan ... So the Time Lord's do want me dead.

TELECINE 4:

Ext. Amsterdam. Street.

TEGAN and ROBIN.

ROBIN: I just don't think it's wise. That's all.

TEGAN: I'm not scared to go to that crypt if that's what you mean.

ROBIN: Look, I'm feeling bad enough about Colin. What if something happens to you?

TEGAN: Don't worry on my account. (URGENTLY) How far is it from here?

ROBIN: Oh, all right. Just over the next bridge.

They move on.

22. INT. SECURITY COMPOUND.

(DAMON AND NYSSA, ESCORTED BY MAXIL ENTER THE COMPOUND.

AND WALK TOWARDS THE TARDIS)

DAMON: (QUIETLY) I feel there is something wrong.

NYSSA: What?

DAMON: Castellan agreed too quickly to our visiting the Doctor.

(NYSSA LOOKS CONCERNED)

Even if he knows he can't refuse, he always attempts to make it appear he is granting you permission. That's the Castellan's way.

23. INT. TARDIS CORRIDOR.

(THE DOCTOR IS ESCORTED ALONG THE CORRIDOR BY A GUARD)

THE DOCTOR: (CONCERNED) So soon? What about my appeal?

(THE GUARD DOESN'T REACT)

24. INT. TARDIS CONSOLE ROOM.

(THE DOCTOR ENTERS THE CONSOLE ROOM FROM THE CORRIDOR, AS NYSSA, DAMON AND MAXIL ENTER THROUGH THE DOUBLE DOORS)

MAXIL: You have visitors Doctor.

(NYSSA MOVES FORWARD.

MAXIL SUBTLY LAYS THE BUG BALL IN A CONCEALED AREA.

THE DOCTOR SPOTS IT. MAXIL GESTURES TO THE GUARD AND BOTH LEAVE)

NYSSA: Doctor ...

THE DOCTOR: (URGENT) How did you get in here?

NYSSA: Councillor Hedin arranged it with the Castellan.

THE DOCTOR: (OVERRIDING NYSSA) How generous of the Castellan. Come, we'll walk while we speak.

MAXIL: (OVER REACTS) You must talk here. Where I can see you.

DAMON: Castellan said we might be alone.

THE DOCTOR: Excellent.

(HE MOVES THEM FORCIBLY OUT INTO THE CORRIDOR)

25. INT. TARDIS. CORRIDOR.

THE DOCTOR: So Damon. What news of my old companion Leela?

(NYSSA AND DAMON MYSTIFIED)

DAMON: She is well ...

26. INT. GALLIFREY. TIME LORD'S OFFICE

(THE CASTELLAN LISTENING TO THE FADING VOICES BY MEANS OF THE DEVICE PLACED IN THE CONSOLE ROOM MY MAXIL)

DAMON'S VOICE: ... and very happy.

THE DOCTOR: I was sorry to miss her wedding ...

(WITH THE VOICES GONE, THE CASTELLAN SHAKES HIS HEAD IRRITABLY)

CASTELLAN: You are fool Maxil!

27. INT. TARDIS. CORRIDOR.

(THE DOCTOR USHERS
THE MYSTIFIED NYSSA
AND DAMON INTO THE
COMPANION ROOM)

THE DOCTOR: In here.

28. INT. TARDIS. COMPANION'S ROOM.

(THE DOCTOR CLOSES THE DOOR. HE TURNS BACK URGENTLY)

THE DOCTOR: Malix has just planted a listening device in the console room. Now Damon. My bio scan. Who else knows about it?

DAMON: Just us. The only other person is dead.

(THE DOCOTOR REACTS)

NYSSA: Damon thinks murdered.

DAMON: Although the Castellan says it was an accident.

THE DOCTOR: Really. Have you told anyone else about my bio scan?

DAMON: No.

THE DOCTOR: Then don't.

NYSSA: Not even the High Council?

THE DOCTOR: Especially not them. They are the only people who legitimately could have access to it.

DAMON: It's true.

THE DOCTOR: This is the link we needed Nyssa. It might just be beginning to make sense.

NYSSA: What's going on?

THE DOCTOR: Conspiracy Nyssa. A disaster in the making. Unless I'm mistaken Gallifrey could lose control of the space time matrix.

DAMON: That's impossible.

THE DOCTOR: So the High Council would agree. They believe they are threatened by this source of anti-matter. Well, they are. But not in the way they imagine. (EVEN MORE EARNESTLY) Look, Damon, I know you've already risked a great deal, for me. But can I impose on you a little further?

DAMON: (SMILES) You are not imposing, Doctor. Anything.

THE DOCTOR: I need a time rotor, for the Tardis. Can you help Nyssa get one?

DAMON: Of course.

THE DOCTOR: Preferably without a recall over-ride.

DAMON: Anything else?

THE DOCTOR: One further task. The matrix computer. Could you check to see if any sensitive or secret items have been transmitted lately.

DAMON: Such as?

THE DOCTOR: Details concerning power equipment. Secret information which violates the interferance code.

DAMON: I'll see what I can do.

(MAXIL OUT OF BREATH ENTERS)

THE DOCTOR: Back so soon, Commander? I'm afraid you're too late. We've said all we have to say ... so Nyssa, that's my final word. No appeals.

(NYSSA GOES TO PROTEST BUT THE DOCTOR CUTS HER OFF)

We must accept the decision of the High Council. Understood?

(NYSSA AND DAMON USHERED OUT BY MAXIL.

THE DOCTOR STARES AFTER THEM, SERIOUS THOUGHTFUL)

TELECINE 5:

Ext. Amsterdam.
Grounds of House.
Day.

HOLDING on the house.

PULL BACK to see ROBIN and TEGAN, moving towards the crypt. They pause.

TEGAN looks at it.

TEGAN: This is it?

ROBIN: Yes. The crypt is over there.

TEGAN: How do we get in?

ROBIN: Let's use the back way I found.

They move towards the crypt.

29. INT. GALLIFREY. COMPUTER ROOM.

(NYSSA LOOKS ABOUT. HER EYES TAKE IN THE HARDWARE)

NYSSA: (LOOKING AROUND) Impressive.

DAMON: We must hurry. (STARTS TO PUNCH BUTTONS) I must first check the coding for a type forty time rotor.

(NYSSA IS LOOKING AT AN ENCLOSED WEAPONS RACK WITH SEVERAL STASARS SECURELY LOCKED INSIDE.

A SERIES OF NUMBERS COME UP ON THE COMPUTER SCREEN)

(READING) Standard items. Easy to assemble. Good. I'll get them from the stores.

NYSSA: Just like that?

DAMON: (NODS) I have security clearance.

(DAMON GOES.

NYSSA'S EYES GO BACK TO THE WEAPONS IN THE RACK)

30. INT. GALLIFREY. CASTELLAN'S OFFICE.

(THE CASTELLAN LOOKS UP AS MAXIL ENTERS)

CASTELLAN: Well?

MAXIL: All is in order Castellan.

CASTELLAN: No appeals. No last minute requests?

MAXIL: Nothing. The Doctor seems to be taking it quite well, in fact.

CASTELLAN: (CYNICAL SMILE) Most unlikely. (PAUSES TO CONSIDER) I fear he's up to something. Double the guard.

(MAXIL GIVES A SMALL BOW AND EXITS)

30A. INT. GALLIFREY. TIME LORD'S OFFICE.

(OMEGA RESOLVING IN THE CONE OF LIGHT)

TIME LORD: It is time my friend. The Council have been summoned to the place of Termination. You will have little time. Can you do it?

OMEGA: (EFFORT) We'll be ready here.

TIME LORD: Good. Soon you'll be back on Gallifrey. A Time Lord among equals.

OMEGA: Thank you. Without your help it could not have happened.

31. INT. OMEGA'S TARDIS.

(SEATED IN A WEIRD CHAIRLIKE CONTRAPTION IS THE HIDEOUSLY MASKED AND CLOAKED FIGURE OF OMEGA.

OMEGA'S MASK IS CLOSE FITTING. LIKE A WAXEN MILDEWED SKIN CLINGING TO THE STRUCTURE, OF CURIOUSLY YOUTHFUL CONTOURS BENEATH.

HIS BODY ALSO YOUTHFUL IS CLAD IN DARK JUMP-SUIT, A CLOAK RIPPLES ROUND HIS SHOULDERS. WE DO NOT RECOGNISE HIM AS OMEGA, HIS EARLIER MASK, DESTROYED BY THE SAME FORCES WHICH HAVE DESTROYED HIS PHYSICAL BEING. ALSO SINCE OMEGA IS ON HIS SIDE OF THE ANTI-MATTER BARRIER WE SEE HIM IN HIS REAL FORM. SEEN ON THE OTHER SIDE THE ANTI-MATTER BARRIER CREATES THE NEGATIVE EFFECT. THE CHAIR IS LINKED UP TO TRANSPARENT PULSING CONNECTORS.

THE WHOLE BATHED IN THE CONE OF LIGHT.

SOUNDS OF WATER UNDER PRESSURE. OMEGA IS ADDRESSING A SCREEN BUT WE CANNONT SEE WHO IT IS.

TIME LORD: (OOV) What we are we owe to you, my friend. Good luck.

(OMEGA SWITCHES OFF THE SCREEN, HIS LABOURED BREATHING HEARD FOR A FEW MOMENTS)

OMEGA: Ergon! Bring the earthling.

(TO ONE SIDE, A DOOR OPENS.

ERGON APPEARS, ESCORTING COLIN.

HIS APATHETIC FACE HOWEVERE TELLS US ALL WE NEED TO KNOW ABOUT THE STATE OF HIS MIND. HIS FACE OCCASIONALLY DISTORTS FROM THE EFFECTS OF THE EVER PRESENT MAGNETISM)

OMEGA: (TO COLIN) You will be my hands. Although Ergon lacks your manipulative skills, he is still capable of killing you should you not do precisely as you have been instructed.

(A DULL EYED COLIN
STARES BACK)

OMEGA: (cont) To the controls.

(COLIN MOVES TO PRESS
A SWITCH ON THE
CONSOLE.

THE ELECTRONIC WATER
PRESSURE NOISE ABATES.

OMEGA'S VOICE HARSHENS
WITH EFFORT)

(TORTURED) Link to booster element.

(AGAIN COLIN MOVES
TO OBEY. A NEW
SOUND. OMEGA'S
BREATHING GASPS
FOR A MOMENT, THEN
EASES. WHEN HE
SPEAKS IT IS WITH
INCREASED STRENGTH)

(SOFT) You have felt my strength before Doctor. This time it will embrace you in all its merciful power.

32. INT. GALLIFREY. OFFICE.

(THE CASTELLAN SITTING PENSIVELY AT HIS DESK.

A BLEEP AND THE SCREEN FILLS WITH THE IMAGE OF THE LORD PRESIDENT)

LORD PRESIDENT: (ON THE SCREEN) Instruct Commander Maxil that the warrant is issued.

CASTELLAN: Immediately Lord President.

LORD PRESIDENT: Alert the citadel and assemble with the rest of the High Council.

(THE SCREEN DIES.

CASTELLAN HITS A SWITCH.

A MOMENT THEN MAXIL ENTERS.

CASTELLAN LOOKS AT HIM FOR A MOMENT)

CASTELLAN: You are extremely priveleged Maxil. It's given to very few to supervise the destruction of a Time Lord. It has, in fact, only happened once before.

MAXIL: The warrant is issued?

CASTELLAN: Yes. (SERIOUS) Summon the Doctor.

(MAXIL .
GOES OUT.

CASTELLAN HITS ANOTHER SWITCH. A DRAMATIC MOURNFUL ELECTRONIC CHIME STARTS UP.

CASTELLAN LISTENS FOR A MOMENT, THEN SMILES SECRETIVELY AND EXITS)

33. INT. GALLIFREY. COMPUTER ROOM.

(NYSSA WATCHING DAMON ASSEMBLING THE ROTOR ELEMENT)

DAMON: We could run these things up blindfold at the Academy. It's almost a museum piece.

NYSSA: This has no recall mode?

DAMON: None.

(A CHIMING SOUND IS HEARD)

NYSSA What is it?

DAMON: The alert. The Doctor is being taken to the place of termination. We're too late.

NYSSA: (ALARM) They will execute him now, this instant?

DAMON: Yes. (cont ...)

(NYSSA'S FACE SETS
IN DETERMINATION.

SHE MOVES TO THE
WEAPONS RACK AND
TRIES TO OPEN IT)

DAMON: (cont) No Nyssa! You can't stop them now!

(NYSSA, TRYING TO
OPEN THE RACK)

NYSSA: Help me.

DAMON: Please! You'll die too!

NYSSA: We can't fail him Damon. You finish what you're doing. I'll see to it. Now please, I want this thing open.

(DAMON HESITATES,
THEN MOVES TO HAND
ACTIVATE THE LOCK
TO THE WEAPONS RACK.

NYSSA REACHES IN TO
TAKE OUT A STASAR.
SHE CHECKS THE WEAPON)

DAMON: It's madness.

NYSSA: Will they lock the security compound after the Doctor has left?

DAMON: I shouldn't think so. There isn't reason to.

NYSSA: Then try to get the element into place. If all goes well we'll need to leave in a hurry.

(NYSSA MOVES TO GO)

DAMON: Be careful!

(SHE PAUSES)

And good luck!

(NYSSA SMILES, NODS
AND LEAVES, CONCEALING
THE WEAPON)

34. INT. GALLIFREY. CORRIDOR.

(THE CHIME REPEATING
ON AN ENDLESS LOOP.

THE DOCTOR CLOSELY
ESCORTED BY MAXIL
AND THE GUARDS MOVING
ALONG THE CORRIDOR.

GALLIFREYANS IN THE
CORRIDOR PAUSE AND BOW
THEIR HEADS RESPECTFULLY
TO THE DOCTOR AS HE PASSES.

THE DOCTOR IS TOUCHED
BY THEIR REACTIONS.

THE GROUP MOVES ON,
THE GALLIFREYANS STARING
AFTER THEM.

CAMERA HOLDS TO PICK UP
NYSSA. SHE SEES THE
DOCTOR'S PARTY VANISH
FROM VIEW ROUND THE CORNER.

NYSSA STEELS HERSELF AND
MOVES SWIFTLY OFF AFTER
THEM)

35. INT. GALLIFREY. TERMINATION AREA.

(FUNCTIONAL AREA WITH A MAN-SIZED TRANSPARENT CHAMBER RECESSED INTO THE WALL.

THE CHIME CONTINUING.

GATHERED HERE ARE ALL THE FIVE TIME LORDS. TENSION. SOUND OF APPROACHING FOOTSTEPS.

THE DOOR OPENS. MAXIL LEADS THE DOCTOR IN, LEAVING TWO OF THE FOUR GUARDS ON STATION OUTSIDE.

THE DOCTOR LOOKS AT EACH OF THE FACES IN TURN.

REACTIONS: THE LORD PRESIDENT, COMPOSED BUT UPSET.

THALIA, GRIM, DETERMINED.

CHANCELLOR ZORAC, GRAVE.

THE CASTELLAN BLAND.

HEDIN, SAD AND HELPLESS)

THE DOCTOR: (TENSE SMILE) I trust you know what you're doing?

LORD PRESIDENT: You know the choice we face Doctor. Our duty, if not our conscience, is clear.

THE DOCTOR: Is the judgement unanimous?

LORD PRESIDENT: Just one dissenter. Your good friend Councillor Hedin.

THE DOCTOR: Thank you Hedin. I much appreciate all you've done.

(THE LORD PRESIDENT BRINGS OUT A SCROLL WHICH HE UNROLLS)

LORD PRESIDENT: (READING) By the authority vested in me as Lord President, and in harmony with the majority of the Time Lords, here assembled, we are resolved ...

(THE DOCTOR'S EYES WATCHING THE FACES OF THE TIME LORDS)

36. INT. GALLIFREY. CORRIDOR/
TERMINATION AREA.

(NYSSA COMES UP SWIFTLY
TO PAUSE WHEN SHE SEES
THE TWO GUARDS ON STATION
OUTSIDE THE TERMINATION
AREA.

THE GUARDS LOOK SUSPICIOUSLY
AT HER.

STEELING HERSELF SHE MOVES
UP. QUITE CLOSE TO THEM,
SHE SUDDENLY WHIPS OUT
THE STASAR.

BEFORE THE GUARDS CAN
BRING UP THEIR WEAPONS
SHE FIRES TWICE STUNNING
BOTH.

NYSSA RELEASES HER PENT
UP BREATH AND LOOKS
AT THE DOOR)

37. INT. GALLIFREY. TERMINATION AREA.

(AS BEFORE. THE LORD PRESIDENT WINDING UP FORMALITIES)

LORD PRESIDENT: ... by reason of cruel but unavoidable necessity we have no recourse but to exercise the ultimate sanction of termination ... (SIGHS) Commander Maxil.

(MAXIL SNAPS TO ATTENTION)

(HANDING THE SCROLL OVER) This warrant empowers you to carry out judgement.

(MAXIL BOWS HIS HEAD RESPECTFULLY.

HE MOVES TO PRESS A SWITCH BY THE SIDE OF THE CHAMBER. THE PANEL SLIDES BACK. THE CHARGED LIGHT INSIDE FLUCTUATING WITH VISIBLE MENACE)

MAXIL: Guards. Bring the Doctor forward.

(THE DOCTOR IS ESCORTED. PAUSES, IS ABOUT TO ENTER THE CHAMBER WHEN THE DOOR BURSTS OPEN TO ADMIT NYSSA, HER STASAR COVERING THE SHOCKED GROUP.

REACTIONS, ESPECIALLY THE DOCTOR'S. IRRITATION, THEN RESIGNATION)

THE DOCTOR: (DRILY) Excellent timing Nyssa!

38. INT. OMEGA'S TARDIS.

(THE AREA ACTIVE WITH SURGING POWER NOISES.

COLIN AT THE CONTROL PANEL)

OMEGA: Align scan co-ordinates.

(COLIN OBEYS)

Check booster terminals.

(COLIN CHECKS AND A LIGHT BEGINS TO PULSE ON THE CONTROL PANEL)

Stand by for further commands.

(COLIN GOES LIMP)

39. INT. GALLIFREY. TERMINATION AREA.

(AS BEFORE.

NYSSA COVERING THE GROUP. TENSE AND WOUND UP)

NYSSA: Over here Doctor!

(THE GUARDS ARE ABOUT TO GO FOR HER)

THE DOCTOR: No! I will not have blood spilt to save my life!

(THE GUARDS RELAX WARILY)

LORD PRESIDENT: (SHAKEN) Nyssa of Traken. I command you to lay aside that weapon!

NYSSA: Doctor quickly!

THALIA: (FURIOUS) Obey the Lord President or you too will die!

CASTELLAN: You cannot escape girl.

NYSSA: Don't you understand. The Doctor was betrayed. His bio scan was extracted from the matrix. Doctor, tell them!

(THE DOCTOR MOVES
OVER THE NYSSA)

THE DOCTOR: They are right Nyssa. We cannot escape.

NYSSA: But we're ready to leave.

THE DOCTOR: (OVERRIDING) You must obey the Lord President. Nyssa, now please (HOLDS OUT HAND) I know what I'm doing.

(NYSSA IS ABOUT
TO ARGUE)

The weapon Nyssa. Please!

(NYSSA'S RESISTENCE
GOES. SHE PASSES OVER
THE WEAPON)

Thank you.

(NYSSA TURNS AWAY,
DEFEATED)

Lord President. My companion acted from misguided loyalty.

(HANDS THE WEAPON
TO A GUARD)

She will cause no further trouble. In turn I ask that she is allowed to go free.

LORD PRESIDENT: Thank you Doctor. For your sake we will overlook it.

(THE DOCTOR NODS,
MOVES TO THE CHAMBER,
HESITATES THEN MOVES
INSIDE TURNING TO
FACE THEM.

HE SEES NYSSA'S
STARING EYES AND
SMILES REASSURINGLY.
HE TURNS TO LOOK AT
THE CHAMBER.

MAXIL PRESSES A SWITCH.
THE PANEL CLOSES.
THE CHIME SUDDENLY CUTS.
TENSION BUILDS)

40. INT. OMEGA'S TARDIS.

(A LIGHT PULSING ON THE CONTROL PANEL.

COLIN IN VIEW. POWER NOISE STEADY)

OMEGA: Activate booster terminal ... now!

(COLIN MOVES TO OBEY, A LIGHT SOURCE ABOVE OMEGA FLARES, SEARING THE INTERIOR. POWER SOUND BUILDS TO PEAK AND HOLD)

41. INT. GALLIFREY TERMINATION AREA.

(AS BEFORE, MAXIL MOVES HIS HAND TO THE MAIN SWITCH. A PAUSE AND HE PRESSES IT.

ON THE CHAMBER. THE POWER LIGHT INSIDE FLUCTUATES WILDLY.

THE DOCTOR'S BODY TENSES. MIST SWIRLS CRAZILY ABOUT HIM. IT BOILS TO ALMOST OBSCURE HIM.

NYSSA REACTS IN HORROR.

THE DOCTOR APPEARS TO BE FADING AWAY.

SUDDENLY AN ADDITTONAL SOUND IS HEARD OVER THE CHAMBER NOISE. THE INTERIOR OF THE CHAMBER FLARES.

THE SPECTATORS SHIELD THEIR EYES IN SUDEEN ALARM.

INSIDE THE CHAMBER, OMEGA'S IMAGE IS SEEN SUPERIMPOSED ON THE DOCTOR. THE DOUBLE IMAGE HOLDS FOR A MOMENT, THEN SUDDENLY BOTH ARE GONE, THE CHAMBER REVERTS TO NORMAL.

QUIET)

MAXIL: Judgement is carried out Lord President.

(ON NYSSA'S HORRIFIED FACE. SHE TURNS AWAY, TEARS POURING DOWN HER FACE)

SUPOSE CAM

End Titles:

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